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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Thanda Wai  
Group Art Unit : 1649  
Applicants : B. Muller-Rober et al.  
Serial No. : 08/702,718  
Filed : March 19, 1997  
For : PROCESSES FOR INHIBITING AND FOR  
INDUCING FLOWER FORMATION IN PLANTS

New York, New York  
July 17, 1998

Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the March 17, 1998 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a). With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including July 17, 1998.